

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2003 – 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 3**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationwide. Nationally, 84 new fires were reported. One new large fire was reported in the Eastern Great Basin Area. One large fire was contained in the Northern California Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

Hurricane Isabel, Virginia. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Ferguson) is assigned to provide logistical, operational, planning and resource support. The team will work jointly with GSA, FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers, at Ft. A.P. Hill in Virginia. The National Park Service All Risk Management Team (Swed) is assigned. The team will be assessing hurricane damage and support needs for National Parks in North Carolina and Virginia.

Hurricane Isabel, North Carolina. Three Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Wathen/Pearson, Collins/Col. Holt/Hendricks) are assigned. The Governor of North Carolina has declared a State of Emergency for 12 counties. A Federal Disaster Declaration was made on 9/18. Through Unified Command, personnel are providing logistical, operational, planning and resource support.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

CANOE / HONEYDEW, Humboldt-Del Norte Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). A CDF Type 1 Incident Command Team (Hawkins) is assigned. The fires, located 16 miles north of Garberville, CA, are in old growth redwood, brush and logging slash. Inaccessibility continued to hamper containment efforts on both fires. Hot and dry conditions continued to increase fire behavior. The south flank on the Canoe fire reported intense activity with numerous spot fires occurring outside the main fire. Structure protection is in place for 500 residences and 20 commercial properties.

MOUSE TWO, Mendocino Unit, California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CDF). This fire is in second growth redwood and Douglas fir, four miles west of Navarro, CA. Inaccessibility hampered containment efforts. Hot and dry conditions continued to produce intense fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CANOE / HONEYDEW	CA	HUU	12,824	45	9/30	1,918	58	112	15	0	13.7M
MOUSE TWO	CA	MEU	231	50	9/25	773	30	51	4	0	NR
GRINDSTONE COMPLEX	CA	MNF	8,019	100	---	486	13	10	2	0	18.2M

MNF = Mendocino National Forest

NORTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

ISABEL, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Washington Interagency Incident Management Team (Jennings) is assigned. This fire is in timber, ten miles northwest of Conconully, WA. Fire activity decreased from yesterday; no major runs were reported.

NEEDLE, Okanogan/Wenatchee National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. This fire is in timber, 12 miles northwest of Winthrop, WA. Active fire behavior in heavy downed fuels included short up hill runs, torching and spotting. All trails in the vicinity of the fire and the road to Hart's Pass remained closed.

B&B COMPLEX, Deschutes National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Hoff) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Booth and Bear Butte fires, is in timber with heavy ground fuels 14 miles west of Sisters, OR. Fires within the complex continued to smolder and creep.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
ISABEL	WA	OWF	1,550	5	UNK	152	2	17	2	0	1.8M
NEEDLE	WA	OWF	18,000	39	UNK	323	6	12	5	1	7.3M
B&B COMPLEX	OR	DEF	90,769	95	UNK	403	6	16	2	13	37.6M

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:

HOMERS NOSE 2, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Bonefeld) is assigned. This fire is in mixed brush and ponderosa pine, 40 miles east of Visalia, CA. The incident was previously reported as a part of the Kaweah Kern Complex. Fire spread continued to the south with torching, spotting and short runs observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
HOMERS NOSE 2	CA	KNP	110	0	UNK	19	0	0	3	0	326K
SUMMIT COMPLEX	CA	INF	2,600	N/A	N/A	25	1	1	1	0	NR
KAWEAH-KERN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	KNP	4,250	N/A	N/A	81	1	1	2	0	225K
MUD COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	3,698	N/A	N/A	54	0	0	2	0	406K
MOUNTAIN COMPLEX – WFU	CA	STF	2,550	N/A	N/A	18	1	0	0	0	161K

INF = Inyo National Forest

STF = Stanislaus National Forest

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA LARGE FIRES:

CASCADE, Uinta National Forest. This fire is in tall oak-brush, six miles west/southwest of Charleston, UT. Rapidly shifting winds produced extreme fire behavior.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
CASCADE	UT	UIF	2,500	0	UNK	78	1	6	2	0	NR

NORTHERN ROCKIES AREA LARGE FIRES:

LINCOLN COMPLEX, Helena National Forest. This complex, comprised of the Moose-Wasson and Snow-Talon fires, is ten miles west of Lincoln, MT. No further information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
LINCOLN COMPLEX	MT	HNF	39,707	80	10/1	16	0	0	0	1	16.5M

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES

POPLAR COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) incident is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. This complex is comprised of the Big and Poplar fires in the north rim area, 20 miles north/northwest of Grand Canyon Village, AZ. Active ground fire spread with some torching in timber and heavy downed fuel was observed. This will be the last narrative unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
POPLAR COMPLEX	AZ	GCP	832	N/A	N/A	25	1	0	0	0	NR

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: High pressure will persist over the West for continued warm and dry weather. However, some moisture from the remains of tropical depression Marty will spread into Arizona and portions of southern California.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Clear with night and morning coastal fog and low clouds.	60s and 70s coast and upper 80s to 102 inland.	8 to 18% driest areas with poor nighttime recovery on the upper slopes and ridges.	Mostly southwest to northwest 4 to 10 mph in the afternoon with some locally stronger gusts.
NORTHWEST AREA Mostly sunny.	Mostly 70s and 80s except locally 100 in southwest Oregon.	Dry. Single digits and teens across eastern Oregon and parts of southwest Oregon. Washington and northwest Oregon generally 20 to 35%.	Generally northwest to northeast wind 5 to 15 mph increasing in western Oregon to 10 to 25 mph after dark.
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Areas of morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms south of Point Conception.	65 to 80 coastal areas. 75 to 90 mountains. 85 to 100 valleys. 85 to 100 upper desert. 90 to 105 low desert.	10 to 25% desert. 10 to 25% mountains. 20 to 35% valleys. 50 to 65% coast.	Southeast to southwest 5 to 15 mph, except southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph coastal areas.
WESTERN GREAT BASIN AREA Sunny.	80s to low 90s north, 90s south, 70s to mid 80s in the mountains.	3 to 10% all areas except 8 to 18% northern mountains and Sierra Nevada.	West at 4 to 10 mph.



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INITIAL ATTACK FIRE SIZEUP/SAFETY

Having a good sizeup is important in order to give both the Incident Commander (IC) and fire management a good idea of what problems exist and what resources may be needed for effective firefighting.

- Use the following reporting factors for sizeup. Discuss others that may be used.
 - Fire name and location
 - Terrain (slope, aspect, elevation) and position of fire on the slope
 - Size of fire
 - Fuel type, anticipated control problems, and spread potential
 - Values threatened
 - Weather conditions (wind speed and direction)
 - Fire behavior
 - Resources on the fire and those needed
 - Estimated containment and control times
 - Cause (known, suspected, under investigation)

- After your initial sizeup of the fire and/or transition from an initial attack IC, answer the following questions. Repeat this analysis whenever there is a change, or predicted change, in conditions on the fire.
 - Have you sized up the fire and relayed the information to dispatch?
 - Is the observed fire weather consistent with the forecast?
 - Can you control the fire with the resources available (on the incident or soon to be on the incident) and under the expected conditions?
 - Have you developed a plan to attack the fire (direct or indirect, anchor points, escape routes, head or flank attack, priority areas); and have you communicated this information to all personnel assigned to the incident, including new arrivals?
 - Are lookouts in place or can you see all of the fire area?
 - Can you communicate with everyone on the fire and with dispatch?
 - Are escape routes and safety zones established? If you are using the black, is it completely burned and without a reburn potential?
 - Are safety and the standard fire orders being followed?
 - Do you have a complete list of what resources have been ordered for the fire?
 - Will you control the fire before the next operational period; and if you won't, or the size of the organization exceeds the IC's capability to manage, have you informed the agency Fire Management Officer?

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						2	2
Northern California	FIRES					12	2	14
	ACRES					771	6	777
Southern California	FIRES				0	33	5	38
	ACRES				31	16	4	51
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				2	1	4
	ACRES	2				25	0	27
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					15	1	16
Western Great Basin	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						76	76
Southwest	FIRES					1	3	4
	ACRES					1	8	9
Rocky Mountain	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						1	1
Eastern Area	FIRES					7		7
	ACRES					1		1
Southern Area	FIRES					7	3	10
	ACRES					4	4	8
TOTAL	FIRES	1	0	0	0	63	20	84
	ACRES	2	0	0	31	833	102	968

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	1	14	21	10	391	14	451
	ACRES	20	40,271	283,056	3,712	248,107	2	575,168
Northwest	FIRES	294	242	11	55	1,729	1,214	3,545
	ACRES	20,246	17,868	12	3,081	48,916	292,938	383,061
Northern California	FIRES	143	69	14	17	2,607	1,171	4,021
	ACRES	232	11,583	3	6,562	50,341	29,633	98,354
Southern California	FIRES	64	132	10	74	2,534	835	3,649
	ACRES	854	2,875	360	416	36,082	7,276	47,863
Northern Rockies	FIRES	978	61	33	84	953	1,494	3,603
	ACRES	77,623	107,435	23,265	166,669	156,111	364,107	895,210
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	58	808	6	46	635	943	2,496
	ACRES	19,423	134,774	1,242	2,634	47,465	137,189	342,727
Western Great Basin	FIRES	7	429	1	11	112	168	728
	ACRES	1	11,097	79	6	1,941	3,287	16,411
Southwest	FIRES	792	186	5	66	883	2,068	4,000
	ACRES	36,582	5,893	284	3,553	16,173	203,247	265,732
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	182	776	39	47	967	700	2,711
	ACRES	17,414	16,918	1,963	783	17,003	53,133	107,214
Eastern Area	FIRES	908		66	35	9,814	485	11,308
	ACRES	52,188		6,890	706	110,373	5,582	175,739
Southern Area	FIRES	147		46	12	11,700	333	12,238
	ACRES	21,739		12,130	764	186,725	8,836	230,194
TOTAL	FIRES	3,574	2,717	252	457	32,325	9,425	48,750
	ACRES	246,322	348,714	329,284	188,886	919,237	1,105,230	3,137,673

Ten Year Average Fires	67,832
Ten Year Average Acres	3,910,194

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		1					1
	ACRES		5,400					5,400
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						422	422
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES			1		1	2	4
	ACRES			100		10	500	610
Western Great Basin	FIRES		0					0
	ACRES		100					100
Southwest	FIRES		1				3	4
	ACRES		50				1,400	1,450
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		0		0	0	1	1
	ACRES		350		10	23	275	658
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	2	1	0	1	9	13
	ACRES	0	5,900	100	10	33	2,597	8,640

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	28	96	18	3		217	362
	ACRES	5,351	18,611	4,850	123		29,009	57,944
Northern California	FIRES	2	7	112	16		127	264
	ACRES	31	267	21,216	2,193		9,712	33,419
Southern California	FIRES		2	4	7		170	183
	ACRES		27	621	3,275		13,675	17,598
Northern Rockies	FIRES	12	9	72	4	23	325	445
	ACRES	502	3,808	10,742	760	1,750	15,661	33,223
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	26	4		11	28	70
	ACRES	18	28,125	400		1,565	9,650	39,758
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6		3		1	10
	ACRES		520		2,084		230	2,834
Southwest	FIRES	13	35	19	8	3	256	334
	ACRES	3,333	26,946	39,373	7,383	12	47,281	124,328
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	28	20	90	9	11	77	235
	ACRES	1,730	4,804	12,778	9,582	187	6,308	35,389
Eastern Area	FIRES	23		315	16	493	204	1,051
	ACRES	10,562		56,669	1,823	80,648	26,936	176,638
Southern Area	FIRES	53		270	71	14,130	1,211	15,735
	ACRES	19,379		95,845	83,789	779,616	933,654	1,912,283
TOTAL	FIRES	160	201	904	137	14,677	2,616	18,695
	ACRES	40,906	83,108	242,494	111,012	865,333	1,092,116	2,434,969

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES			1				1
	ACRES			42,800				42,800
Northwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						251	251
Northern California	FIRES						4	4
	ACRES						1	1
Southern California	FIRES	2			52		55	109
	ACRES	0			6,206		11,882	18,088
Northern Rockies	FIRES				3		71	74
	ACRES				602		54,652	55,254
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				6		29	35
	ACRES				435		14,787	15,222
Western Great Basin	FIRES		6					6
	ACRES		2					2
Southwest	FIRES				8		19	27
	ACRES				3,555		159,608	163,163
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		26		2		3	31
	ACRES		1,646		0		1,869	3,515
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				2,715			2,715
TOTAL	FIRES	2	32	1	81	0	184	300
	ACRES	0	1,648	42,800	13,513	0	243,050	301,011

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RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	12	5	27	42	4	9			303	136
Northern California	27	81	32	160	4	19			84	372
Southern California	12		5		8	5			94	2
Northern Rockies			3	3					12	1
Eastern Great Basin	3	1	7	3	2				15	3
Western Great Basin	4	1	7		1				6	
Southwest	1								1	
Rocky Mountain			7	3					1	
Eastern Area										
Southern Area	2	4							143	1481
Total	61	92	88	211	19	33	0	0	659	1995

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